

# Trees take time to grow. Let's get started together.

Planting seedlings is a great way for landowners to actively manage their land and restore forests following wildfire. If you are interested in planting 2000+ trees, you are encouraged to contract with the nursery. Understanding the logistics and timeline for a successful planting is important. Contract ordering will guarantee you get the trees you need.

2022	2023	2024
<p><b>Determine what trees you need and <b>act now</b> to set-up a contract order with the nursery</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Your local DNRC service forester can help answer questions about what tree species and seed sources are good for your management goals, and detail best practices for successful plantings.</li><li>• After you have made the decisions, call the nursery and set-up a contract to grow trees for your specific project. Contract orders begin in July.</li></ul>	<p><b>Prepare your land for planting while the nursery grows your trees.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Treat weeds and dispose of slash to create good growing conditions for your trees. Finalize your planting plan for 2024, it's best to plant trees as soon as the ground is workable in spring. Secure a contractor to plant your trees if needed.</li><li>• The nursery will sow your seeds in late winter. They will be grown with care from our staff through the spring and summer. As the cold weather sets in at the end of fall, seedlings are packed into boxes and placed in cold storage until spring delivery.</li></ul>	<p><b>Plant your trees as soon as the ground is workable.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In the spring, your trees will be delivered to a drop point in your county, or you can pick them up in person at the nursery in Missoula.</li><li>• Seedlings are perishable, plant your trees once you receive them.</li><li>• If you cannot plant them all right-away, store them in the coolest, shadiest spot you have, like the north side of a building, and get them in the ground ASAP.</li></ul>

**The Montana Conservation Seedling Nursery** more info online <http://dnrc.mt.gov/nursery>